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SUBJECT: ARTICLE III TEXTILE RESTRASNTS

REF: WILLIAMS - RICHMOND TELCON OF MARCH 17

.. ARTICLE III ANNUAL RESTRAINT LEVEL OF 81,067 DOZ WAS
PLACED ON CATEGORY 233 ON AUGUST 29, 1975. AS OF MARCH
11, IMPORTS CHARGED IN THIS CATEGORY WERE 72,993 DOZ
(90 PERCENT).AT CURRENT RATES OF SHIPMENT OF APPROXIMATELY
2000 - 4000 DOZ PER WEEK, RESTRAINT LEVEL COULD BE REACHED
AS EARLY AS MARCH 25 RESULTING IN AN EMBARGO ON IMPORTS.

2. UNDER ARTICLE III PROCEDURES, PARA 5, ANNEX B, OF MFA,
GOH MAY AVAIL ITSELF OF SEVEN PERCENT "SWING" WHICH WOULD
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INCREASE LEVEL OF CATEGORY BY 5675 DOZ FOR A TOTAL LEVEL OF

86,742 DOZ. 5675 DOZ (120,878 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT)
MUST BE SUBTRACTED FROM OTHER ARTICLE III RESTRAINT LEVELS
HOWEVER, SINCE FOUR OF THESE RESTRAINTS WERE RENEWED LAST
MONTH, YARDAGE IS AVAILABLE UNDER PENDING AGREEMENT, LEVEL
OF THIS CATEGORY WILL BE 192,488 DOZ FOR AGREEMENT YEAR
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1975.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM GOH OF SITUATION, SUGGESTING
THAT GOH INFORM EMBASSY THAT HAITI WISHES TO AVAIL ITSELF
OF SEVEN PERCENT SWING AND REPORT GOH DECISIONS BY PRIORITY
CABLE. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT ARTICLE III
RESTRAINTS WILL BE LIFTED WHEN NEW AGREEMENT IS SIGNED
AND THAT AGREEMENT LEVELS FOR CATEGORY 233 ARE SUFFIC-
IENTLY HIGH TO ELIMINATE PROBLEM. IT SHOULD BE MADE
CLEAR TO GOH THAT SWING DOES NO MORE IN THIS CASE THAN
GIVE WEEK OR SO OF ADDITIONAL "BREATHING ROOM" BEFORE
CATEGORY IS EMBARGOED AND GOH SHOULD BE URGED TO CLEAR
FRENCH TEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN PROCEED TO
EXCHANGE OF NOTES. EVEN AFTER GOH HAS APPROVED FRENCH
TEXT, WE ANTICIPATE IT WILL TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS TO MAKE
FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES, PUBLISH NOTICE IN FEDERAL
REGISTER AND DISSEMINATE NEW LEVELS TO CUSTOMS
AUTHORITIES. KISSINGER

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